



**TOM CILMI**  
**Suffolk County Legislator**  
**10th District**

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(East Islip, NY) Legislator Tom Cilmi (R-East Islip) took to Facebook last week to send a message to drug dealers and parents. He wrote, "Attention drug dealers...best be looking over your shoulders because we are coming for you." The post also encouraged parents with knowledge of what he called "neighborhood drug dealers" to call his office with any information.

Cilmi, who has been an outspoken voice in the fight against alcohol and drug abuse, said he and thousands of residents are at a breaking point.

"We are seeing far too many students engaged in dangerous behavior," Cilmi said, "and I have spoken with too many parents in pain over the loss of a child to an overdose. Some students sadly have little fear of taking pills and smoking pot right in school. And we know that too many students and young adults have become dealers. Enough is enough. This has got to stop."

Cilmi said some residents are apprehensive about calling the police, fearful of compromising their anonymity or thinking their complaints will go unaddressed. He says that attitude has to change, but in the meantime he is offering his office as a conduit. "Everyone knows I will respond to their calls and if I can provide that level of responsiveness and people trust that I will follow through, I am here to do all I can," he said. Since his post, he says he's getting calls every day from all over the County.

"Unfortunately this problem is so pervasive," Cilmi said, "that everyone in our community is tuned into it. Parents of middle school and high school students need to be extremely vigilant about where their kids are going and who they're hanging around with. Today's dealers aren't the stereotypical dealers of years past. Most of the time you would never suspect the good student, the athlete or the friendly kid down the block. Now, you just never know."

Cilmi says names, addresses, license plate numbers and cell phone numbers are all very useful. He says anyone with information who wishes to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-220-TIPS or if they prefer, they can call his office at 631-854-0940.